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To: Montana State Senate Local Government Committee

From: Carbon County Commissioners

Subject: SB 108, An Act Requiring Consultation and Coordination with certain County Governments in Proposed State and Federal Policy Decisions Regarding Large Predators and Large Game Species

The Carbon County Commissioners wish to notify the Senate Local Government Committee that we are in support of SB 108 as Introduced by Senator Debbie Barrett.

Carbon County has expressed concern over wolf management issues since 2004, by organizing meetings with local, state and federal government agencies to discuss wolf management issues, in part because we were not invited to participate in the design of the wolf management program. We represent our constituents at a more local grassroots level and feel that that representation has been lacking during the discussions of large predator management. We are very concerned that the wolf recovery program has long ago met the population threshold established as necessary to maintain a viable number of wolves in the three states involved, and yet the courts have once again changed the rules regarding wolf management that had been determined through a scientific peer review process because of pressure from some extreme environmental organizations.

We feel strongly that local government should have a 'seat at the table' and would appreciate your YES vote for SB 108.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Carbon County Commissioners

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